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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4045  
AMCONSUL DJIBOUTI  
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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN MEDIA ON DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE

1. MAY 18 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU TO HASSAN GOULED, NEWLY  
ELECTED PRIME MINISTER OF TFAI. MENGISTU'S MESSAGE WAS  
DELIVERED BY ETHIOPIAN CONSUL-GENERAL DJIBOUTI, FITIGU  
TADESSE. AFTER COMPLIMENTING DJIBOUTI PEOPLE ON THEIR  
"IMPORTANT VICTORY OVER IMPERIALISM", MESSAGE SHIFTED  
TO WARNING NOTE THAT "STRUGGLE AWAITS AHEAD TO PRESERVE  
DJIBOUTI'S FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND TO SAFEGUARD  
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY".  
NOTE CONTINUED WITH OBSERVATION THAT "AN INDEPENDENT  
DJIBOUTI CAN MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND  
UNITY AND FOR PROTECTION RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF PEOPLE  
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OF NEIGHBORHOOD, CREATING HARMONIOUS AND BALANCED  
RELATIONS." TEXT OF MESSAGE ENDED WITH ASSURANCES  
OF "SUPPORT AND COOPERATION" AND EFFORTS "TO  
STRENGTHEN HISTORIC TIES OF BROTHERHOOD" BETWEEN  
ETHIOPIA AND DJIBOUTI.

2. MAY 17 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED STATEMENT BY ALL-

ETHIOPIAN TRADE UNION (AETU) WELCOMING DJIBOUTI AS  
INDEPENDENT STATE AND NOTING AETU STANDS "FOR RIGHT  
OF SELF" DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLES OF TFAI" AND  
"AGAINST THOSE WHO INTERFERE IN PROCESS SELF-  
DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES IN AREA" OF HORN OF AFRICA.

3. ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL MAY 18 WELCOMED  
INDEPENDENT "REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI, NOTING ETHIOPIA'S  
"VERY CLOSE ETHNIC, ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHIC LINKS"  
WITH DJIBOUTI, AND STATED ETHIOPIAN POLICY OF  
SUPPORTING THE EMERGENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT DJIBOUTI.  
EDITORIAL THEN STATED THAT SOMALI INTENTIONS TOWARD  
DJIBOUTI NOT SO CLEAR, IN SPITE OF REQUESTS FOR  
CLARIFICATION FROM "U.N., OAU, AND OTHER COMPETENT  
INTERNATIONAL BODIES". EDITORIAL WRITER INTERPRETS  
SOMALI SILENCE AS "DELIBERATE ACT FOR CAUSING  
TROUBLE, NATURE OF WHICH MIGHT BE EXPOSED ON  
INDEPENDENCE DAY, JUNE 27." LEADERS OF SOMALIA  
"FEEL DJIBOUTI SHOULD BE ANNEXED TO SOMALIA AS  
FULFILLMENT OF OLD DREAM CHARTED BY IMPERIALISTS AND  
COLONISTS THAT CALLS FOR CREATION OF GREATER SOMALIA".  
ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, "SOMALIA WILL HAVE NO  
GENUINE REASON FOR LAYING CLAIM TO DJIBOUTI" WHICH  
SHARES GREATER BORDER WITH ETHIOPIA THAN SOMALIA,  
BUT IF SOMALI AUTHORITIES "WISH TO PUT THEIR WILD  
IMAGINATIONS INTO PLAY, ETHIOPIA WOULD BE COMPELLED  
TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT HER LEGITIMATE  
INTERESTS AND PEACE IN THE AREA".

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